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SUBJ: SCANDAL IN MOSCOW'S ART WORLD

REF: MOSCOW 10351

1. MOSCOW' NEWEST ART SCANDAL HAS SURFACED IN FOUR COLUMN, BACK-PAGE COVERAGE IN TRUD FOR AUGUST 8. ARTICLE REPORTS THAT, AFTER A TRIAL LASTING TWO MONTHS, ONE VLADIMIR MOROZ HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO "SEVERAL YEARS" IMPRISONMENT AND CONFISCATION OF HIS PROPERTY. ACCORDING TO THE TRUD STORY MOROZ HAD LONG BEEN INVOLVED IN SELLING STOLEN PAINTINGS AND IKONS ESPECIALLY TO FOREGIN BUSINESSMEN AND DIPLOMATS IN MOSCOW. MOROZ IS REPORTED TO HAVE USED HIS ILL-GOTTEN GAINS TO HAVE PURCHASED AMONG OTHER THINGS A DACHA WITH SWIMMING POOL, TWO CARS AND A CELLAR OF IMPORTED WINES. ARTICLE IS DOVIOUSLY DESIGNED NOT MERELY TO REPORT THIS EXEMPLARY SENTENCE BUT TO SERVE AS A WARNING TO OTHER SOVIET CITIZENS WHO MIGHT BE TEMPTED TO ENGAGE IN SIMILAR TRANSACTIONS. IT ALSO SERVES AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE CORRUPTING DANGERS OF ASSOCIATION WITH FOREIGNERS.

2. THIS SCANDAL IS EVIDENTLY THE SAME AS THE WHICH WE REPORTED IN REFTEL (NOTAL), WITH THE CHIEF DIFFERENCE WITH OUR EARLIER REPORT THAT MOROZ, WHATEVER HIS CONNECTIONS WITH THE WORLD OF SOVIET MUSIC, WAS PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN SELLING STOLEN IKONS. SOURCE WHO GAVE US THE CONFIDENTIAL

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MORE TO THE STORY THAN HAS COME OUT SO FAR, THAT THERE IS
NO DOUBT ABOUT THE INVOLVEMENT OF MOROZ WITH RICHTER AND
THE SOVIET MUSICAL ESTABLISHMENT, AND THAT THE INVESTIGATION
IS CONTINUING.
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